

**What is claimed is:**

- 1           1.           A laundry drier control method comprising steps of:  
2           initiating a drying procedure;  
3           measuring a temperature variation rate per unit time over the drying procedure;  
4           calculating an overall drying time based on the measured temperature variation rate  
5           per unit time; and  
6           performing the drying procedure for the calculated overall drying time.
  
- 1           2.           The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said calculating step is repeated if  
2           a substantial increase in the temperature variation rate is detected.
  
- 1           3.           The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the temperature variation rate is  
2           1°C per minute.